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JOINT EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT, AND ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT UNDER NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a).

DATE OF NOTICE: July 24, 2008

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100960

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-015-08

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Wastewater Treatment Plant
P.O. Box 68
Franklin, New Hampshire 03235

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Wastewater Treatment Plant
528 River Street
Franklin, New Hampshire 03235

RECEIVING WATER: Merrimack River (Hydrologic Unit Code: 01070002)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The draft permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic, industrial and commercial wastewater from the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program Wastewater Treatment Plant. Biological treatment of wastewater is provided by an activated sludge system. Prior to discharging to the Merrimack River through Outfall Serial Number 001, the treated wastewater is disinfected with ultraviolet light. Backup disinfection is provided by chlorination. The facility has a design flow of 11.5 million gallons per day (MGD).

The following entities are co-permittees for sections of the permit relating to unauthorized discharges, operation and maintenance of the sewer system, and alternate power sources:

Town of Belmont
P.O Box 310
Belmont, NH 03220

Town of Gilford
Public Works Department
55 Cherry Valley Road
Gilford, NH 03249

Town of Northfield
Northfield Sewer Commission
123 Park Street
Northfield, NH 03276

Bay District Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 1527
Center Harbor, NH 03226

City of Laconia
Public Works Department
27 Bisson Avenue
Laconia, NH 03246

Town of Sanbornton
P.O. Box 124
Sanbornton, NH 03269

City of Franklin
Department of Municipal Services
43 West Bow Street
Franklin, NH 03235

Town of Meredith
41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253

Town of Tilton
Tilton Sewer Commission
257 Main Street
Tilton, NH 03276

The proposed permit contains wastewater discharge limitations consistent with the State's Surface Water Quality Regulations, appropriate conditions as adopted from the existing permit, and other Act regulations. The proposed permit also contains sludge conditions consistent with Section 405 of the Act. In addition, this permit contains other effluent limitations and conditions necessary to ensure that the discharge receives adequate treatment and that the State's Class B water-quality standards are maintained in the Merrimack River. Specific effluent limitations in the proposed permit are Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), pH, Escherichia coli bacteria, Total Residual Chlorine, and whole effluent toxicity

The permit will expire five years from the effective date of its issuance.

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified. However, sludge conditions in the draft permit are not subject to State certification requirements.

The draft permit was first released for a thirty day public comment period on June 26, 2008. Pursuant to a request from the City of Franklin New Hampshire, submitted by letter dated July 16, 2008, EPA and NHDES-WD are hereby extending the comment period to August 15, 2008.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (describing the type of facility; type and quantity of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_nh.html or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Dan Arsenault
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 CMP
Boston, MA 02114-2023
Telephone: (617) 918-1562

The administrative record containing all documents relating to the draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **August 15, 2008** to the U.S. EPA Region I, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CMP), One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider the draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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